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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
AND DISTRICTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 Upon application to the Department of Public Health, each health
4 district that has a total population of fifty thousand or more, or serves
5 three or more municipalities irrespective of the combined total
6 population of such municipalities, shall annually receive from the state
7 an amount equal to one dollar and eighty-five cents per capita for each
8 town, city and borough of such district, provided (1) (A) the district
9 employs a full-time director of health, or (B) a vacancy exists in the
10 district's director of health position for more than ninety days and the
11 Commissioner of Public Health grants the district a waiver from the
12 requirement for a full-time director of health, (2) the Commissioner of
13 Public Health approves the public health program and budget of such
14 health district, and [(2)] (3) the towns, cities and boroughs of such

15 district appropriate for the maintenance of the health district not less
16 than one dollar per capita from the annual tax receipts. Such district
17 departments of health are authorized to use additional funds, [which]
18 that the Department of Public Health may secure from federal agencies
19 or any other source and [which] that it may allot to such district
20 departments of health. The district treasurer shall disburse the money
21 so received upon warrants approved by a majority of the board and
22 signed by its chairman and secretary. The Comptroller shall quarterly,
23 in July, October, January and April, upon such application and upon
24 the voucher of the Commissioner of Public Health, draw the
25 Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of such district
26 department of health for the amount due in accordance with the
27 provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
28 commissioner. [Any] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and
29 June 30, 2015, any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal
30 year shall be included in the budget of the district for the ensuing year.
31 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter,
32 any such moneys shall revert to the General Fund of the state. This aid
33 shall be rendered from appropriations made from time to time by the
34 General Assembly to the Department of Public Health for this purpose.

35 Sec. 2. Section 19a-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

37 Upon application to the Department of Public Health any municipal
38 health department shall annually receive from the state an amount
39 equal to one dollar and eighteen cents per capita, provided such
40 municipality (1) employs a full-time director of health, except [that] if a
41 vacancy exists in the [office of] municipality's director of health
42 position or the office is filled by an acting director for more than [three
43 months] ninety days, such municipality shall not be eligible for
44 funding unless the Commissioner of Public Health [waives this
45 requirement] grants the municipality a waiver from the requirement
46 for a full-time director of health; (2) submits a public health program
47 and budget [which] that is approved by the Commissioner of Public

48 Health; (3) appropriates not less than one dollar per capita, from the
 49 annual tax receipts, for health department services; and (4) has a
 50 population of fifty thousand or more. Such municipal department of
 51 health may use additional funds, which the Department of Public
 52 Health may secure from federal agencies or any other source and
 53 which it may allot to such municipal department of health. The money
 54 so received shall be disbursed upon warrants approved by the chief
 55 executive officer of such municipality. The Comptroller shall annually
 56 in July and upon a voucher of the Commissioner of Public Health,
 57 draw the Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of such
 58 municipal department of health for the amount due in accordance with
 59 the provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
 60 commissioner. [Any] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and
 61 June 30, 2015, any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal
 62 year shall be included in the budget of such municipal department of
 63 health for the ensuing year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,
 64 and each fiscal year thereafter, any such moneys shall revert to the
 65 General Fund of the state. This aid shall be rendered from
 66 appropriations made from time to time by the General Assembly to the
 67 Department of Public Health for this purpose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	19a-245
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	19a-202

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations concerning local health departments and districts.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]